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July 1, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Kirby:-

You have perhaps heard from some source or another of the situation that has arisen here on our campus that makes it necessary for a complete change in the staff of the Secretaryship.

I am not writing this letter to discuss in detail this occasion. I am writing because I am under the impression that you have received a letter from Dr. Robert Leonard Tucker of the Indianola M. E. Church of this city, who was up until this time a very good friend of mine or at least I thought so. From some of the letters that I have seen that he has sent to individuals in New York and in New Haven, it is evident that he has had no desire to be honest, sincere or accurate as far as my relationship to this entire situation is concerned. I do not know how much he has told you or what he has told you. I simply know that some of the things that he has written to Orrin Magill and Frank Olmstead are absolutely untrue and I am, therefore, fearful that he has perhaps written similar things to you. I should have included Fay Campbell's name along with Orrin's and Frank's. Indeed, so flagrant was his misstatement of the case that Hal Colvin talked to him about it here on the campus about a month ago and Dr. Tucker admitted that he was an "aggressive, impulsive individual, very much interested in finding a job for Howard Willits and therefore might have over-stated the case".

I am, therefore, not going to present my side of this case. I am only going to urge you before making any judgements concerning me to talk with A. R. Elliott or with Hal Colvin. You will get an unbiased, unprejudiced story from either of these men and I am willing to let my case rest upon their interpretation of the situation. I hope, therefore, that you will do this at your earliest opportunity, especially if you have been inclined to accept at face value, any communications that you may have had from Dr. Tucker. You may be interested in knowing that I found it necessary to leave his church on which I had served as a member of his Official Board.

Sincerely,

Glen D. Dalton
Glen D. Dalton
Executive Secretary

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Kirby Page, Esq.,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Kirby:

We are making up a dummy for the new book based on the material we have here. It's not quite as much as we usually have, but it will suffice.

I am sending this note to you at your New York office so that it will reach you without too great delay. I hope you have had an interesting time at the conferences.

Sincerely,



SMR:wms

Beaumont, California, July 6, 1938

Our dear friends:

Ray's noble spirit now "belongs to the ages". He said when he rallied after the operation in January: "I wasn't afraid to die, and it thrilled me to think of the adventure into that World with Jesus, Abraham Lincoln, Henry Wright and many others. It would have been so easy to go; then I thought of you and the children and I struggled to breathe again." June seventh, at 9:25 p.m., while he was sleeping under a light opiate, he slipped away. Only a few hours before, he had gripped my hand with unbelievable strength, but his eyes were even then looking into the Other Room.

Thus ended a life--useful, virile, humorous, human, and beautiful beyond description. Ray's concern for his fellowmen, known by you in his health, crystallized into absolute selflessness during his illness. When he suffered most he wept over the misfortunes of others, but when he was reasonably comfortable he rejoiced to be living in such a beautiful world, and often quoted James Matthew Barrie,--"God gave us memories so that we could have roses in December."

Ray was fairly comfortable during March and April and enjoyed his big south room with a climbing rose over the French windows at the end. The "ditto" (mocking) birds amused him greatly. He called daily upon the rich storehouse of his memory and I often heard him repeating long passages of "In Memoriam", "Snowbound", "Rabbi Ben Ezra", many shorter things from various sources, passages from the New Testament, and the Psalms. He sang softly many of his songs, but his pitch was rarely true. His humor was always ready for any who entered the room and his hearty laugh was a joy because it was so natural. The characteristic inflections in his speaking voice left him before the operation and never returned.

By the end of April we knew that we must let Ray go. Then followed days too tragic to remember, but too precious to forget. The day before he went John took his hand and with boyish hope said, "Daddy, you are going to get well !" Although Ray rarely spoke then, he answered in a determined whisper, "I know I am, John !" As far as we know, Ray never gave up hope. I can understand how inconceivable it was to him that life, with all of its activities, its joy, problems and the work at Shimer that he loved so dearly, was ending. And you can understand how inconceivable it is to me that it has ended.

We laid Ray to rest according to his wish expressed several years ago--with very little ceremony and no expensive floral pieces. The morning of the ninth, my brothers' families and a few friends who had stood close to us the last months, joined the children and me for silent communion in the mortuary chapel around Ray's peaceful form. The flowers he had we picked from our own yard to lay on his breast. We went to a beautiful, small mausoleum standing on a hill near Redlands where the six men in our group bore him to a corridor near the crypt. We gathered around the closed casket in the beauty and quiet of his last resting room while a minister friend read Luke 4:16-21, the key to Ray's Christian life. Then he repeated Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar", which Ray had sung often and loved much. A few selected verses from the New Testament and words of appreciation by our friend ended the simple service; for volumes would have been inadequate. Though we were crushed by sadness, we were lifted up by the harmony of the words spoken and the life Ray had lived.

Life for us must go on. John is in Oregon trying to begin his adjustment by working modern motor machinery on the old Wood estate with my brother, Herman. Jo and I are starting for Oregon next week for a short visit before proceeding to Canada where we shall spend a few weeks in the wilds of Ontario at the summer camp of my sister Alice and her family. Jo will enter Pomona College in September and John will attend Beaumont High School. We leased a homey place here in Beaumont, with lovely yard and many trees and shrubs, to which we brought Ray when he was able to leave the hospital in February. Here the children and I shall attempt to make a home at least for another year. We hope to keep Mrs. Wright and her brother, Mr. Hayward with us indefinitely.

Ray spent many hours living over experiences with his friends during his illness. He seemed to tread back over paths he had taken with you. Your loving memories of him help me to keep him living; for you meant much to him. Your messages of love and appreciation for him have sent beams of light into a darkness which only friendship could have brightened.

With all good wishes,

Faithfully,

Annabel W. Culver

Ray's feeling about war increased to a torturing fear during his weakest days. I found that he had stopped the daily paper a number of weeks before he collapsed because of the war news. If spirits in the Other World can lend force to our activities here I'm sure Ray's will support you ardently.

A CREATIVE VACATION EXPERIENCE

Silver Bay on Lake George, New York
July 6 - 29, 1938

and

Estes Park in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado
August 9-31, 1938

Group Fellowship Centered in the Theme:

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

for
Personal Living
and
Social Action

An ~~undetermined~~ number of families will spend nearly a month together in these beautiful vacation sites, seeking to take firmer hold upon spiritual resources for personal living and social action.

This project has been launched as a result of conversations among Roswell P. Barnes, Sherwood Eddy, Roland Elliott, Harold E. Fey, Roy B. Guild, George E. Haynes, F. Ernest Johnson, Hugh Moore, Helen Morton, Ray Newton, Kirby Page, Frances Perry, Clarence E. Pickett, Philip Allen Swartz, Ray Sweetman, and H. Foster Wood. Some of these individuals will not be able to join these vacation groups because of absence in Europe and for other reasons.

As a result of these conversations and in response to early letters of inquiry, the following persons have expressed a willingness seriously to explore the possibility of being present either at Silver Bay or Estes Park: Bishop Bromley Oxnam, F. Ernest Tittle, Georgia Harkness, Henry H. Crane, Dorothy Detzer, Roswell P. Barnes, Kirby Page, Harold E. Fey, Philip Allen Swartz, Hornell Hart, Fay Campbell, Edwin A. Brown, N. C. McPherson, E. P. Ryland, Roland Elliott, and Ray Newton.

Here are a few early comments concerning the proposal:

Ernest F. Tittle: "If the Conference on Spiritual Resources is held at Estes Park next summer, I shall be very glad indeed to become a part of it."

Bishop Bromley Oxnam: "Your letter carries a most alluring possibility."

Dean Charles W. Gilkey: "I am impressed with the timeliness and great possibilities of the project, and would gladly have part in it if our personal plans permitted it."

Dorothy Detzer: "I am tremendously interested in your letter. I think the retreat will be very important - in fact, I do not think we can evaluate just how much it will mean."

Hornell Hart: "Your sense of the urgent need for group cultivation of spiritual insight and power to meet the world crisis I share with deep conviction."

Ralph W. Sockman: "I certainly appreciate the attractiveness and value of the proposition you make. I need it, after these years."

Henry H. Crane: "I was thrilled to get this proposal. I feel that such a gathering would be of immeasurable value to all participants. In fact, I know of no procedure more imperative for just such an hour as this. If the conference could be held at Silver Bay, I am confident that the whole family could attend at least for a couple of weeks and possibly for the entire month."

Georgia Harkness: "Your project interests me very much. If it turns out to be Silver Bay, the chances are that I could participate in it."

N. C. McPherson: "I do not know of anything that we would rather do than spend a month in the kind of conference you suggest."

Edwin A. Brown: "Your letter intrigues me greatly. For the last year or so I have been contemplating just such a conference as you have in mind. Your suggestion is not only timely, but imperative to the highest degree."

Through conversation and personal fellowship, private prayer, corporate worship, musical vespers, sermons, Bible study, panel discussions, leisurely reading, trout fishing, tennis, golf, mountain climbing, and exultation in the glories of nature, it is expected that the participants will be able to find spiritual illumination and refreshment. It is hoped that many different professions and a wide range of experience will be represented in these groups, including business men and labor union leaders, as well as mature students.

The days will be spent in the manner desired by persons in attendance. A sense of leisure is highly desirable and attendance at all discussions and meetings is entirely optional. Experiments will be made along these lines:

Some Days: 9:00 - 10:00 - Worship and Sermon
10:15 - 11:15 - Various optional discussion groups
11:30 - 12:30 - Panel conversation
Afternoon and Evening entirely unscheduled.

Some Days: No scheduled events whatever.

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7:00 - 7:30 - Evening Vespers, Music and Poetry
7:30 - 8:15 - Sermon
8:30 - 9:30 - Various optional discussion groups.

Some Days: 10:00 - 11:00 - Various optional discussion groups
11:15 - 12:15 - Panel conversation
Afternoon entirely unscheduled
7:00 - 7:45 - Musical Vespers
7:45 - 8:30 - Sermon

Some Days: Holy Communion at Dawn

Some Nights: Corporate Worship in the moonlight, or under the stars.

Maximum opportunity will be presented for informality and intimacy. Various groups will be free to arrange such panel conversations as are needed.

It is expected that from 50 to 100 families will assemble at each of these conference sites. At both Silver Bay and Estes Park there are excellent vacation facilities, and it would be difficult to find more congenial and beautiful surroundings than are afforded at both places. Arrangements will be made for supervision of play and care of children.

We are inviting Charles F. Andrews and Muriel Lester to join us, and we hope also to secure the attendance of a number of students from foreign lands now studying in this country.

At Silver Bay the cost of room and board varies from \$16 to \$33 per week per person, with adjusted rates for children. At Estes Park a limited number of cabins equipped for housekeeping may be rented for \$18 to \$25 per week. Dormitory rooms may be engaged at 75 cents per day per person with two in a room. Other accommodations are available at \$1.75 to \$3.00 per day for rooms. Meals vary according to appetites from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day per person. At both places there will be a Participating Fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family to help defray overhead expenses.

In some instances the financial problem may be solved by systematic weekly savings for this purpose. In some cases church congregations may appropriate part of the required funds as an investment in the spiritual growth of the pastor and his family. Special subsidies may be secured with which to make possible the attendance of outstanding students.

It is expected that participants will be in attendance throughout the specified period, since continuity is essential to the most rewarding fellowship.

Registration should be made without delay.

Persons desiring to explore the possibility of becoming members of one of these creative vacation groups may correspond with any of the following individuals:

Roswell P. Barnes, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City
 Henry H. Crane, Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Scranton, Penna.
 Roland Elliott, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City
 Harold E. Fey, 2929 Broadway, New York City
 Helen Morton, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City
 Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, California
 Clarence E. Pickett, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Penna.
 Ernest F. Tittle, First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.

July 6, 1938

Dear Henry:

So you are going to Detroit! You have both my congratulations and condolences--more of the former than the latter! I do not need to tell you that you are going into one of the most pagan spots in America, and that you are confronting a task of enormous difficulties. On the other hand I do not know of any other person in the whole country likely to be so influential in that strategic pulpit as you will probably be.

I am simply sick because we are not going to have those weeks together this summer.

Affectionately yours,

Dr. Henry H. Crane
Central Methodist Church
Detroit, Michigan

KP:MK

July 6, 1938

Dear John:

So you are coming to California. It will be a great joy to have you so near at hand, and I hope that our paths will cross frequently. You will have a grand time at Berkeley. Congratulations!

As ever,

Dr. John C. Bennett
Auburn Theological Seminary
Auburn, New York

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CLARENCE SENIOR,
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July 6, 1938

Kirby Page
La Habra
California

Dear Kirby:

It was a great disappointment to me that you were not able to attend the National Anti-War Congress. I think you would have been highly pleased with the large number of new persons who were brought into contact with the peace movement.

For your information, in case you haven't seen it, I'm enclosing a memorandum by Frederick J. Libby with his estimate of the Congress. His executive board voted unanimously to stay in the Congress at a recent meeting.

I believe you know how interested I have been in Mexico for some time. In the Congress I am convinced we have an organization which can do some of the things that have been neglected about Mexican-U.S. relations. Perhaps you saw one of the wire stories from Washington last week about our letter to President Roosevelt, which had reverberations in the State Department. Several experienced observers have told me they are convinced that it has helped considerably.

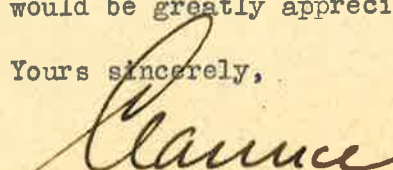
However, the danger is not past. I'm enclosing an outline for a labor delegation to Mexico, in which you will find yourself especially interested.

We will need in the neighborhood of \$4000 for the delegation, if we are going to send an influential group and be able to make the impression, both in the United States and Mexico, which is desperately needed.

I know that you have your own troubles with fund-raising, but I wonder whether it wouldn't be possible for you to list at least a few persons of some wealth who might be sympathetic to our general approach, or might be particularly interested in Mexican relations, so that they might give specifically to help the labor delegation.

Your assistance in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,


Clarence Senior
Executive Secretary

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July 7, 1938

My dear H. O.:

Some months ago I had contact with a student at Baldwin Wallace College by the name of William Shockey, and was much impressed with him. Since that time he has accepted a position with the Cleveland Trust Company doing accounting work in their audit department. He is very eager to explore the possibility of devoting his full time to the cooperative movement. My impression is that he has excellent material in him and may prove to be a find. I hope that you will write to him about possibilities. His address is 408 Central Y.M.C.A., Cleveland, Ohio.

Any suggestions that you may be able to pass on to him will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Mr. M. G. Miller
No. Kansas City Consumers
Cooperative Ass'n
No. Kansas City, Kan.

KP:MK

July 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Bowen:

Some months ago I had contact with a student at Baldwin Wallace College by the name of William Shockey, and was much impressed with him. Since that time he has accepted a position with the Cleveland Trust Company doing accounting work in their audit department. He is very eager to explore the possibility of devoting his full time to the cooperative movement. My impression is that he has excellent material in him and may prove to be a find. I hope that you will write to him about possibilities and if possible see him on an early visit to Cleveland. Address him at 408 Central Y.M.C.A., Cleveland, Ohio.

Any suggestions that you may be able to pass on to him will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Mr. E. R. Bowen
The Cooperative League of U.S.
167 West 12th Street
New York, New York

KP:MK

July 7, 1938

My dear Bob:

Your letter of June 10 came while I was away on a long tour. I am keenly interested in the possibility that you will be at Yale next season. Concerning the question you raise about my courses, you will have to get this information from someone at the Divinity School. I do not know just what the conditions are. Unfortunately I do not have any information at all about the possibility of securing a preaching appointment. You ought not to have difficulty in getting this information from Dean Weigle.

I am sorry that my letter is so useless to you but I simply do not have the information which you need. It would be a great joy to have you in my classes if this seems practicable. Do keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Robert C. Grady
Presbyterian Church
Greenville, N. C.

KP:MK

July 7, 1938

My dear William Shockey:

Your highly important letter came while I was away on a long tour. I remember quite vividly our contacts and am keenly interested in what you have written. I remember the conversation we had as you drove me to the railway station. I am deeply impressed with the possibility that you may devote your life to the cooperative movement. There are really great possibilities in this direction and I hope you will explore the matter thoroughly. On the other hand, you probably do not need to be warned against hasty decisions.

You ought to have a long talk with some official of the cooperative movement who can talk frankly out of detailed experience. Fortunately, two of my friends are high officials of the Consumers Cooperative League, Mr. E. R. Bowen and Mr. Wallace J. Campbell. It seems to be that your training and experience should equip you admirably for full time activity in the cooperative movement and I am writing Mr. Bowen in the hope that he will be able to look you up and have a good talk. As you doubtless know, his address is 167 West 12th Street, The Cooperative League of the United States, New York City. I am also writing to Mr. M. G. Miller of the North Kansas City Consumers Cooperative Association. He is a former college professor who is now giving his full time to this Association. His advice will be helpful.

After you get further information I hope you will feel free to write to me again. I am keenly interested in your future.

Cordially yours,

Mr. William J. Shockey
408 Central YMCA
Cleveland, Ohio

KP:MK

July 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Michener:

Upon returning home I find your letter of June 13. I think my wife has already sent a brief note to you about the questions you raised. I have exchanged letters with President Pendleton about this same problem and suggest that you get in touch with him since I have sent details to him. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Frank W. Michener
Newberg, Oregon

KP:MK

July 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Decker:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter but I have been away on an extended tour. Unfortunately it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation because of our group planning an important vesper service for every Sunday evening during the month. I am sorry indeed that I cannot have a part in your services.

Cordially yours,

Rev. R. L. Decker
637 Remington St.
Fort Collins, Colo.

KP:MK

July 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Paddock:

In digging through a pile of unanswered correspondence I find your letter and I am sorry for the long delay in replying. I am extremely sorry that I do not have a good suggestion to offer you about persons who would be interested in your thrilling experiences. I found your letter most interesting and I am grateful to you for it.

Cordially yours,

Mr. W. S. Paddock
1552 Main St.
Springfield, Oregon

KP:MK

July 11, 1938

Dear Harold:

I was so glad to find your letter awaiting me when I returned home from the round of student conferences. I am most eager to have a long visit with you and we must plan for a definite engagement in October.

I am now concentrating upon the new book to be entitled "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action." I am more excited about its possibilities than I have ever been of anything else I have attempted. Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Harold E. Fey
c/o Emory Conwell
Oneida, Kansas

KP:MK

July 11, 1938

Dear Clarence:

Your important letter of July 6 is at hand. I am keenly interested in what you have written. I have heard thrilling reports of the Congress and regret exceedingly that I could not be present.

I am much interested in the proposed delegation to Mexico. You might possibly secure a gift for this purpose from Miss Margaret Campbell, 131 Woodland Road, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Since I have just appealed to her for another purpose it will be better if you do not mention my name in your approach to her. Mrs. Ann Hubbard Davis, 24 Wyoming Avenue, Washington, D. C., has given large sums to the peace movement. The best approach to her is through General Newcomer, whom you doubtless know. He is located in Washington and I think would respond to this proposal. Philip Gray, University of Wisconsin, Madison, has a good deal of money and might be interested. He is a brother of Harold Gray. William S. Cochran of Baltimore is worth approaching. The other names that occur to me are doubtless already on your list.

With every good wish,

Fraternally yours,

Mr. Clarence Senior
1707 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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11 July 1938

Kirby Page
La Habra,
California

Dear Kirby:

I realize that I cannot put in writing or words of any other kind the real appreciation which the delegates all felt and which we feel for the unusual service that you rendered at the Institute. If you would note my letter written to you inviting you to the Institute you will see that I anticipated to some extent what happened but I never did expect that you would get the response that you did. Raymond Wilson can record the fact that we have had at least one pacifist Institute! It is of course impossible for us to express our thanks to you for what you did, properly. I am sure you can realize how grateful we are.

I hope that during the summer you get the sort of rest you need even though you do pore through those 60 books you have lined up for your rest period. I will probably do well if I get through six instead of sixty.

I will look forward to seeing you again in the fall when you are in the East.. As yet plans have not shaped up definitely regarding any week-end Institutes but I am quite sure if your schedule does not fill up too quickly that we will be making a request very shortly after I return on September 1st.

Very sincerely,



E. A. Schaal
Director

EAS:HK

July 11, 1938

Dear Glen:

I was glad indeed to get your letter of July 1 and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me this information. I want to tell you again how much I enjoyed the contact with you when you helped us out with the Emergency Peace Company. We were then and still are deeply grateful for your effective and faithful cooperation.

I do hope that you will keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Glen D. Dalton
Y.M.C.A Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

XP:MK

July 11, 1938

My dear Laurence:

I am ashamed for the long delay in replying to your letter but I have been away on an extended tour. I want very much indeed to cooperate with your plans to the extent of my ability. I think you know that my year is blocked out by regions. Already my time is heavily mortgaged for the next year. My tentative itinerary is given on the enclosed sheet. I shall be eager indeed to cooperate in any way possible.

I wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Laurence T. Hosie
The Fellowship of Reconciliation
2929 Broadway
New York, New York

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July 12, 1938

Dear Kirby:

Twenty-five dollars
is such an event in
the life of the
treasurer of the F.S.C.
that I should have
worded gratitude. As it
was I was caught
in a jam of work

and fell behind
into my letters to
our supporters - I
am especially sorry
to have done so in
your case because
your check was so
generous - We
do appreciate it
greatly -

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With best wishes always.

Yours Sincerely,

James Henry

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AUBURN, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY
JOHN C. BENNETT

July 12

Dear Kirby,

It is good to realize that you will be on the coast part of the time and that there may be more chance than ever to see you. I was delighted to hear that Yale planned to use you next year. Thank you for your letter.

Ever sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of John C. Bennett, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEAN OF THE SUMMER SESSION
405 HILGARD AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 13, 1938

Dear Dr. Page,

If you are
in the neighborhood while
the Summer Session is on,
(this August five) will you
please look me up? You
may remember me from
my work with the Ethical
Culture Society in New
York and Brooklyn; I
should greatly love to
talk with you - out
here, especially, where
there seems to be more
time than back East.

With all good
wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Henry Newman

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July 18.

My dear Kirby:

I am in the office this morning after six weeks absence, and find that the letter which I left for the secretary to send you had not been sent. (I think that she is in love, fresh in love). Anyway here is five dollars that I am sending for the books that were left at the YW when I got here in May. Some of them had not been delivered so that is taken care of now.

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Dick
Next year I am going to be general secy at Jackson, Michigan (30 miles from Ann Arbor. That means that you can come work at Jackson sometime when you come to Ann Arbor. We still have not found anyone to take this regional job---but I WANT to quit traveling. Do you know Howard Willits who was assoc secy at the Ohio State YMCA? What do you think of him for a regional job?

With high regards.

Stella

Scurlock

July 13, 1938

Dear John:

Your note of July 9 has come. I simply cannot tell you how grateful I am for the substantial way in which you and Emily continue to cooperate with my work. It is literally true to say that I could not continue the type of work in which I am now engaged except for the generous help of a few friends. I am grateful.

This is a delightful time of year for me because it is the only season that I have an extended stay at home. We live out in the country on a high hill with beauty, solitude and fellowship with the family. I am spending my days in writing, working out of doors and playing around with the family.

When I come East in the fall I hope we may have a good visit together.

Cordially yours,

Mr. J. S. C. Harvey
Box 124
Radnor, Penn.

KP:MK

Greenfield, NH.
July 17, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Page:-

We want to have a great peace rally for our rural churches, sometime next year. Country people are inclined to be provincial. They do not realize what kind of a world they are living in--- that is, what the world is like outside of these peaceful hills, for example in China and Spain.

We haven't the nerve to ask you to come yourself, but can you help us to get a speaker of commanding power and interest-winning ability?

We would like to have the meeting early in April, after the roads are more likely to free from snow and ice, than in the winter months. The meeting would be on a Sunday evening, preferably the first in April.

we could not pay much, but would do our best. Our collections at union evening services supported by ten churches, have ranged from ten to twenty dollars.

Just possibly you might be dated for northern New England, yourself, sometime next spring. How proud we would be to have you come to us!

Sincerely yours,

H. O. Huntington

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July 18th 1938.

Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra,
Calif:

Dear Dr. Page,

We are checking up on our promotion of CREATIVE PIONEERS. We have sold to-date approximately 650 cloth bound copies and 3300 paper bound copies. Have you any suggestions as to steps we may take this summer to further promote the book. We of course have copies available at all of the summer conference grounds and are carrying out our usual method of promotion including follow-up with persons who could help us in promoting the book etc. You will probably be interested in the following review which appeared on the back cover page of MONDAY MORNING a Presbyterian Magazine exclusively for Pastors of June 27th:

THIS WEEK'S BOOK

"CREATIVE PIONEERS by Sherwood Eddy and Kirby Page 161 pages. For decades Sherwood Eddy has been a flaming prophet of the world-wide mission of Christianity. Through the Student Volunteer Movement, with its slogan, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," he has effectively challenged American students to invest their lives on the geographical frontiers of the "Christian world." Without abandoning his zeal for foreign missions, he has now collaborated with Kirby Page, to challenge youth to become "creative pioneers" on the moral frontiers of life. The subtitle to this book adequately describes its purpose: "Building a New Society Through Adventurous Vocations and Avocations on the Frontiers of Industrial Relations, the Political Movement, the Cooperative Movement, Race Relations, and Socialized Religion." Each chapter includes a challenging statement of the need for creative pioneers on these moral frontiers and brief biographical sketches of contemporary men and women who are blazing trails.

An excellent inexpensive reading or study book for Christian young people who are facing the choice of a vocation, it is also of great value for pastors and other adult counselors with young people. The book is based squarely on the conviction that "Jesus is the unique and supreme revelation of God."

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Davies
W. H. Davies

July 18, 1938

My dear William Shockey:

Here is a letter from my friend Miller which you may want to follow up. Do keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

Mr. William J. Shockey
408 Central Y.M.C.A.
Cleveland, Ohio

Encl.
KP:MK

July 18, 1936

Dear Red:

It was kind of you to write as you did. I had a grand time at your Institute and am grateful for the opportunity.

I do hope that you folks manage to get a good rest this summer.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. E. A. Schaal
20 South 12th St.
Philadelphia, Penn.

EP:MK



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Silver Bay-on Lake George, N. Y.

Silver Bay, N. Y.
July 20, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Kirby:

I have had quite a lengthy talk with Mr. Charles C. Parlin who has objected so strongly to your coming to Silver Bay to talk on "economics." In the discussion I found that one of his pet hates is Karl Marx, and he thinks you are a definite apostle of Karl Marx, that you are advocating doing away completely with private property, turning over everything to the state, and allowing the state to look after the needs of the individual. In other words, it seems to be the communist idea, hook, line, and sinker.

I told him that I doubt if you went as far as this and told him that I would drop you a line to ask specifically what your thought is with respect to private property. I may add that I told him I thought you were against the private ownership of public utilities and private ownership of the natural resources.

Please understand that I am not writing to approve or condemn, but merely for information, for I think he has greatly misunderstood you.

With every good wish.

Very sincerely,

Charles A. Herschleb

CAH:RMP



POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE



July 21.
Dear Kirby,
Thanks heaps
for your letter re Detroit.
Reply for me. It's gonna
be a whale of a job
— and I'll love it!
Tho it nearly killed
me to leave Stanton.
Am desperately sorry to
miss Eden Park. Yours Henry Coane

Mr. Kirby Page
P.O. Box 247
La Habra,
California.

July 22, 1938

My dear Friend:

I have just received the copy of your letter of July 6 which was forwarded to me from the East. This brings the first news that I have had of Ray's home-going. Your letter is really quite thrilling. What marvelous faith he had and what glorious memories you will carry with you all your days. I counted Ray among my intimate friends and am profoundly grateful for what he was and is. All of us must redouble our efforts in carrying forward his work.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Annabel W. Culver
Beaumont
California

KP:MK

"There certainly seems to be a power at work
in the world, by virtue of which every living
thing grows and develops. And it tends toward
splendor. "

Dear Kirby: Have you ever come across this
sentence in your reading? I found it just now
in Clarence Day's THIS SIMIAN WORLD. Seems to
fit, doesn't it? Happy days!

yours appreciatively,

Norman Whitney
Alfred, N.Y.

7/25/38

July 26, 1938

My dear Mrs. Moors:

What a faithful and generous friend you are. The arrival of your check produced great jubilation around the house, as the exchequer was very low.

We are leaving on Saturday for the conference retreat at Estes Park in Colorado, where we hope to fill up the reservoirs. I will tell you all about it later.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ethel P. Moors
Conasset
Massachusetts

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Presbyterian Church

Greenville, North Carolina

July 26, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:


Thank you for yours of July 7.

Yale Divinity has accepted me for work in your department but says I am not eligible for S.T.M. degree work due to no social science background - unfortunately true. That's better than degree work in several other departments, though, for my interests are strongest in Social Ethics. You will probably have me in your classes in a little while, therefore.

The enclosure I have been intending to send you ever since your Greenville visit - though I do not know whether you are as vain as some of us lesser lights who try to keep "ministerial record-books"!

Hoping to get to Bound Brook, N.J. for the annual F.O.R. meet and to see you then, I remain, with every good wish,

Yours for a prophetic Christianity,


Robt. C. Grady,
228 East Tremont Ave.,
New York City (from Aug. 10-29)
(care Angus Grant).

HUMPHREY STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

LISTON POPE, MINISTER

216 Bishop Street
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
July 26, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
P.O.Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:-

Though I have no previous "status" from which to welcome you to the faculty of the Yale Divinity School, being myself a new comer this Fall, I wish to express my genuine pleasure at the prospect of working with you on Social Ethics, and to assure you of my hearty cooperation. I have been a student in the Graduate Class of the Divinity School here for the last three years, and can therefore express also the elation of the students over the fact that you are coming. Many of us have been among the anonymous members of your audiences on numerous occasions, and look forward to more extended and intimate association with you. And I particularly, as the other lecturer on the Gilbert L. Stark Foundation, anticipate such association.

If I can in any way facilitate your work here, please regard me as eager to do so. Meanwhile, I trust you will have a pleasant summer. The barbs hurled by graduate students at their instructors (that is their conception, to appreciable degree, of what an instructor is for!) demand, as you know, that the instructor shall have had a restful vacation. So be it!

Cordially yours,

Liston Pope
Liston Pope.

July 27, 1938

Dear Anne:

It has been a long time since you wrote your letter of May 6. We were glad indeed to hear from you. All goes well with us. Both Kirby, Jr. and Mary were graduated from Whittier last month. We are very happy about their development.

On Saturday we are leaving for Estes Park in Colorado for a month in a vacation retreat where about twenty families will spend the month together. We are anticipating an invigorating experience.

We often think of you and know that you are having an enjoyable and rewarding experience wherever you are. Do keep us in touch with your movements.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Anne Guthrie
YWCA, 573 Isaac Peral
Manila, P. I.

KP:MK

July 27. 1938

*Just
MK*

Please send also

R. Couragous

Dear Charlie:

Your important letter of July 20 has just come, and I am keenly interested in what you have written. Fortunately I can give you a full and condensed answer to your question. Under separate cover I am sending you a pamphlet on property in which my ideas are set forth in great detail.

I hope you will let me know eventually the outcome of your future conversations.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Charles A. Herschleb
Silver Bay
New York

KP:MK

July 27, 1938

Dear Sherwood:

I think you will be keenly interested in the suggestion that a group of us get together for an unhurried conference in October. In order to save time I have sent out numerous communications as per the enclosed copy. I will be grateful if you will let me know promptly which of the dates you prefer.

We are leaving on Saturday for the vacation retreat at Estes Park in Colorado. We are anticipating an invigorating experience. We will be there until the end of August and the address is Association Camp, Colorado.

I do hope that you are having a rewarding experience.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sherwood Eddy
52 Vanderbilt Avenue, Room 1101
New York, New York

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28 July 1938.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
Post Office Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

Stan is away on vacation this month and so your letter has come along to me for reply. I have discussed the question of a special price on the new book for group orders with Mr. Hodge, our sales manager, and he has made several points which we should consider.

In the first place, we do not believe that it would be well to include a reference to a special offer in the foreword to the book itself. This always causes confusion in the minds of the public and the trade, and is doubly so at the present time because of our fair trade agreements with the booksellers. If we should decide to make such an offer, it would be better to insert some sort of slip in the books themselves.

Secondly, any such special offer made to the public would also have to be made through the bookstores. In this event, on the three copies for \$5.00 plan, they would be selling the book at about \$1.60, which means that our wholesale price would be about a dollar. And it is natural to assume that they would order in lots of threes in order to take advantage of the special price; in fact, it seems to us that our entire sale might be on this basis. Under the circumstances, some adjustment in royalty would have to be made, as with our costs we couldn't pay the 20% rate with the books going out at a dollar.

We feel very strongly about the necessity of giving the bookstores an even break on any special offers which are made, and particularly since they have been cooperating with us so completely on your other books at the uniform dollar price. There was some opposition, as you know, to the two different prices on some of the other books, and having overcome that to a large degree we don't want to do anything that will upset the booksellers again.

I suggest that we follow our original plan of \$2.00 for our edition, and that you, if you wish, take orders on your tours for groups and send them to us to be filled from your stock. Let me know what you think about this.

The news about the book is good. We are looking forward to the receipt of the manuscript. On what date do you expect to deliver it?

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,


John Farrar.



408 Central Y.M.C.A.,
Cleveland, Ohio,
July 31, 1938

Dear Mr. Page

I have been so long in answering
your very helpful letters because
of becoming so busy. I wrote to
the Cooperative League and they suggested
that I get in touch with a Mr. Stirling
Parks here in Cleveland. I did and
consequently I joined the East Cleveland
Cooperators, Incorporated. I am now
serving on their Board of Trustees
and am Treasurer of the group.

I have been in touch with the Ohio
Farm Bureau also.

I feel as I did when elected to the
Board of Trustees that those who elected
me did a rather foolish thing



in view of the fact that I was so new in the cooperative movement and did not have adequate experience for such a position of responsibility and, further, because I was so unsettled at the time.

I have corresponded with several and talked with several Cleveland ministers since I last wrote you concerning my problem, among them H. D. Bollinger of the Wesley Foundation, Chicago.

Since I have been actively at work in the cooperative movement, or rather in one small part of it, I have come to a more definite conclusion that the cooperative movement and Jesus cannot be separated. If they are separated a situation exists which is comparable to the situation in Germany when Bismarck assumed



the socialist program without socialism. That caused the decay of socialism for the time being.

at least some of our local cooperative groups lean now backwards in regard to the Rochdale principles concerning religious and political neutrality and our East Cleveland group is no exception.

I therefore came to the conclusion that although I wanted to remain in the cooperative movement and devote as much time to it as possible, I should devote my full time to the Christian ministry. What field of the ministry I will go into hasn't been decided as yet. However, I feel that I can help the way of Christ along and the cooperative movement best in this



field.

One paragraph of Mr. Ballinger's letter reads as follows, "Because of your special interest in the cooperative movement my suggestion would be that you plan on a pulpit ministry and allow yourself to be appointed to some church where you could follow through in the development of a local cooperative, maintaining an interest, of course, in the larger aspects of the movement."

I am going to write to several more people and will talk the matter over with the Cleveland ministers which I have seen before before? ~~and then~~ make a real definite decision. One thing I am certain, it will be necessary for me to leave Cleveland Trust Company, as I told you before.



I haven't mentioned Beatrice Wade as yet. I make no decisions without first discussing my problems with her and receiving her advice. She feels the same as I do and she has shown much bravery in view of the fact that she is having to face the very active opposition of her parents, who have even tried to persuade her to break our engagement.

I would like to attend the meeting of the Methodist youth Council in Boulder, Colorado, but since I will be working that will be impossible. I feel that Bea will get a lot of good out of it and that her attendance at this meeting will be practically mine also. I am therefore going to send her out there



6.
for this meeting the last
of August and the first of
September. I feel that I will
be justified in using my tenth to
do it. I will send her out there if
I can get together the necessary
funds and if her parents should
refuse to let her go ~~which~~ which
I don't believe will happen.

By the way, will you be there?
Bea would like so much to see
you and talk with you. you did
her so much good when you were
at our college.

If I find that my calling is to
the Christian ministry I will enter
Garrett Biblical Institute and Bea
is going to try to take work there
too. If I enter I will probably do so
at the January quarter if I can



accumulate the necessary funds by that time. I will try to get a scholarship there.

I promised you my back tenth in my last letter, which amounts to \$100.00. If you haven't counted on it I would like to use part of it to send Bea to this conference and the rest as a further loan if I find it necessary to go to seminary. Will that be alright?

Will you advise me further and make any criticisms that you may have because you are better able to than anyone I know? What should Bea and I do? Your Personality of Jesus has been a wonderful help to us in making our decisions too.



There are so many things which Bea and I would like to talk over with you that it is impossible to get them on paper. I hope that we can see you personally in the near future.

Will you write me at your earliest convenience and further advise me?

I have appreciated your kind interest in our problems very much.

Cordially yours,
 ✓ William J. Shockey.

July 30, 1938

Dear Normans:

Thanks for your card. I am glad indeed to get the excerpt.
I do hope that you felks are managing to get a good rest.
We are leaving tonight for Colorado for a month and hope
to fill up all the barrels.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Norman Whitney
Alfred, New York

KP:MK

July 30, 1938

Dear John:

Let me thank you for your good letter of July 28. The arrangements which you suggest seem entirely fair to me.

I am planning to have the manuscript in your hands not later than September 26, and may possibly be able to advance the date one week.

I wish that I could see you more often.

Cordially yours,

Mr. John Farrar
232 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

KP:MK

Box 25
Hopkinton, N. H.
July 30, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue
New, York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Page,

As Chairman of our State Baptist Social Action Committee, I have been assigned the task of securing a speaker for our State Baptist Convention to be held in Laconia, Oct. 4 and 5, who can speak to us on the subject of Peace and lead an open forum following the address.

Having followed your writings on peace ever since my seminary days, my thoughts have immediately turned to you as a possibility. I am wondering whether or not you could consider such a proposition. We can offer to pay your expenses and a modest honorarium.

I am anxious to have a definite reply as soon as possible. I shall be delighted if I can announce that you are coming to speak to a convention, which still contains a majority who fail to see the relation of the ideals of Jesus to problem of war.

Yours truly,

Lauris B. Whitman
Rev. Lauris B. Whitman

July 30, 1938

My dear Mr. Pope:

It was kind indeed of you to write as you did. I am looking forward with great eagerness to the experience at Yale and especially to the intimate association with you.

Our family is leaving this afternoon for a month in the mountains of Colorado, where we are participating in a vacation-retreat with about fifteen other families. We expect to have a very invigorating experience.

By the end of September I hope to finish a new book which I am calling "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action."

It will be nice to see you in September.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Liston Pope
216 Bishop Street
New Haven, Conn.

KP:MK

ESTES PARK VACATION RETREAT

August, 1938

Mr. Willard H. Ashton, Y. M. C. A., Pasadena, California
Miss Fern Babcock, Regional Student Movement, 404 E. 10th Street, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Eugene S. Briggs, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma
Mr. and Mrs. Dudley M. Clagett, Western Highlands Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cranston, Redlands University, Redlands, California
Mr. L. C. Damsgard, 2000 Loma Vista, Pasadena, California
Rev. F. H. Frank, *K Fitt,* The Grosse Point Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Miss Grace Gobel, Y. M. C. A., Sterling, Illinois
Miss Iris Graham, McMurry College, Abilene, Texas
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Don Herrington, 1163 Garfield Ave., Topeka, Kansas
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson O. Houser, 300 S. Ashland Ave., La Grange, Illinois
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Miss Elisabeth L. Kneeland, 145 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.
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Mr. R. H. Martin, 152 Melbourne, Akron, Ohio
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Mr. W. E. Moss, 113 W. 5th St., Junction City, Kansas
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Rev. Alfred Samuel Nickless, The First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, California
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pfuetze, Whittier College, Whittier, California
Mr. John Price, California Institute of Technology YMCA, Pasadena, Calif.
Rev. G. E. Powell, Box 275, Brush, Colorado
Mr. R. C. Roberts, Colgate
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwieso, Regional Student Movement, Topeka, Kansas
Mr. and Mrs. Gale Seaman, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
✓ Miss Katherine Simpson, National Labor Relations Board, Ft. Worth, Texas
Henry G. Smith, 1415 Bellaire St., Denver, Colorado
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Miss Edna F. Wright, 921 Twelfth Street, Greeley, Colorado

SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

Box 201, Chatham, Mass.
August 2, 1938

Dear Kirby:

It was nice to have your note the other day and hear a bit of news about the family. Fancy you having two college graduates in Kirby and Mary. Goodness, I remember them as nothing but youngsters, which probably wouldn't please them too much! I'm glad to know that you are all well.

I myself have a six year old son and how he does grow. If things go well he will have a baby brother or sister just before Christmas. Having had a serious miscarriage last summer, things haven't been just what they should in more ways than one, but have improved considerably these last few weeks, so we are hoping desperately that all will be well, for we are so very anxious to have another child.

Now for a bit of business - do you know where Frederick Harris is? I have received a letter addressed to him in care of The World Tomorrow, and somehow I had an idea he died some time ago, or am I confusing him with someone else? Drop me just a brief line if you will.

My love to Alma and I hope you are all having a delightful time together.

Sincerely,

Betty

Dearborn, August 3.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Conference Camp,
Colorado.

Dear Kirby:

I'd rather be licked than write this letter. But I'm having to back out on the conference at Estes. It seems that the odds have been against me.

In the first place, I have a four-year old car, and it chose this last month to go haywire. I've had some work done on it, but find it will not pay me to get it put in shape. That means another car. I'm trying to find one for less money by buying a late '37 or '38, so I'll not have to pay too much. Then, the refrigerator also went bad, and we had to buy another. Then our little girl developed tonsillitis and we had to have her tonsils out. Another \$25.

Finally, I did too good a job signing up delegates to the National Conference of Methodist Youth at Boulder, Colorado, and now have 15, and they must have me with them as a chaperon, and also to take a carload. They leave here about the 20th. Ruth will not be able to go but a young couple will be along, and they'll need me also.

So it seemed just impossible to carry thru our original plans for Estes Park. I may get up there a few days, if you are still there during the week of August 21st. I can't tell you how disappointed I am, and Ruth too. But please remember us for any similar thing. Is there any financial loss due to our not coming? If so please let me know and I'll try to make it right.

Best regards to you all at the conference. We'll be thinking of you, and wishing we were there. How about stopping off at Dearborn when you go east this fall?

As always,

Owen.

412 W. Clifford St.
Winchester, Va.
August 4, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Miss Jimmie Woodward, who is, as you know, Student Y. W. C. A. Secretary at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va.; recently informed me that you were to be on that campus for the Student Retreat on the week-end of September thirtieth and October first. Since Richmond is so near Lynchburg, I was wondering if you would accept

an invitation to speak at our
Monday Chapel at twelve-thirty
o'clock on October Third. "Our
Chapel" is at Westhampton College,
the women's college of the
University of Richmond. We
should like so much to have you.

So far as I know now, your
visit will be sponsored by
the Y.W.C.A. However, as soon
as I contact the Y.M.C.A.

President in September and tell
him that you are coming,
if, indeed, you do come, I think
he will want to be named
co-sponsor with us. We want

* make this meeting a grand opening for succeeding ones, and the faculty and friends from town will be present, along with Richmond and Westhampton Colleges.

Perhaps I should tell you that we, also, could arrange for a meeting Sunday night at the regular Vesper Service at seven o'clock, or on Tuesday evening at seven-fifteen. The Monday hour is preferable, however.

I hope you will be able to come. The Y.W.C.A. can meet the

for Miss Woodward named:
twenty-five dollars per day
plus local entertainment.
If this is not satisfactory,
please advise me.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Baker

Pres. Y. W. C. A. of
Wethampton College

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5 August 1938.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
Post Office Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

I am just back from my vacation today and find here your note of the 30th to John, who has gone away for a much-needed rest. Here is the contract for the new book, which I think you will find is all in order. We will be looking forward to the arrival of the manuscript the end of next month.

I hope the weather in California is more pleasant than it is here. It was pretty terrible to come back into this heat after three weeks in the mountains of Wyoming.

Best regards,



SMR:wms
Enclosures (2)

To Congregation East
Cazenovia, New York
August 5, 1938

Dear Kirby,

Your letter of July 19 was
forwarded from Solvang and reached
me here: -

I shall be through here Sunday
but must at once undertake a
Commission for the Council of Women
for Home Missions, involving a
prolonged visit to migrant centers
in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey
and New York, - which makes it
absolutely impossible for me to
go West until about August
29th. So much so I had
looked forward to being with
you, I regret exceedingly that

I shall not manage it.

With all good wishes
for a thoroughly worthwhile
visit among the rest of you,

Cordially yours

Eric F. Benson



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Westcent, London."
Telephone Museum 8467
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CRANSTON'S KENILWORTH HOTEL,

LONDON: Great Russell Street, W.C. 1,

Aug 6, 1938

Dear Kirby,

I've had a busy but while
while visit over here. I've been
in & out of Germany 3 times in 14
countries. The situation of the refugees
is terrible but I am hopeful that Europe
will avoid general war. I'll look forward
to seeing you in the fall. Allan Hunter was
with us at FOR meetings. Hope all goes well
with you. Affectionately, Nevill



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Silver Bay, N. Y.
August 6, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
P. O. Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby:

Thank you heartily for your letter of July 27 in answer to mine of the 20th.

Both the little pamphlet on property and the book entitled "Living Courageously" have come to hand. I shall seek opportunity to place in the hands of Mr. Parlin the copy which you are presenting to him. I know I shall have to do it carefully, but nevertheless he should know what you have to say.

Again with many thanks.

Very sincerely,

Charles A. Herschleb

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August 8, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
Estes Park
Colorado

Dear Kirby:

Enclosed is a carbon of the letter from Secretary Hull describing the work of the new Division of Cultural Relations of which they are asking me to become director. This is for your confidential information and when you have finished with it please return it.

The visit with you the other morning was most helpful and I hope it is only the beginning of many conferences. Let me repeat my great desire to have your suggestions and criticisms at all times. Edith and I may drive to Estes before we start East about the 20th of the month, but if we do not get up, I shall hope to see you in the East early in the fall.

With best wishes for the Conference,

Sincerely,



Ben M. Cherrington

BMC:js

Enclosure

Gale Seaman

10845 LE CONTE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES

23/8/38

Dear Kirby & Ahua-

Thanks most enthusiastic all
for: ① including us in your summer
group - as always with you the dis-
cussions were stimulating & helpful
② commuting us among your friends
③ The two delightful & "delicious"
experiences of hospitality at Valley View

Here are the two pictures I took. If
you should for any reason want more
prints I'll gladly send the films -

Had a wonderful 2 1/2 day forest home.
But was a fine campfire. Sorry
we missed the chance to get a "close up"
on Kay. Hope he comes over when
we signal an invitation -

Our love to all at Valley View Cottage.
With us could have stayed to end of month -
Gale

25 Years Ago

FROM HOUSTON POST FILES

August 9, 1913

Kirby Page, formerly a secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has been attending Drake university for the ministry, will speak at a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building Sunday at 4 p. m.

President C. E. Schaff of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad has closed a deal with R. S. Sterling for the purchase of an acreage tract just below Harrisburg, on which he will build a home.

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Spruce Creek, Pa.
August 9, 1938

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby Page,

As chairman of the Peace Committee of the Swarthmore Churches, I am writing to ask if you would speak - be the main speaker - for a meeting which we hope will represent a large part of the congregations of all of our Churches. As you perhaps know, Swarthmore (Penn.) is our home at present, and while there is much peace sentiment in such a "quaker" community, we are trying to make it more pointed - and more interdenominational!

We are planning our meeting for October; either the second or third week - in the evening - any of the following dates would be feasible from our point of view: October 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, or even 23, 24, 25 I believe. We thought that since you would be in the East because of your seminar at Yale, there might be additional chance that you would be available.

Although our committee at present has no financial setup, I am sure that we would be able to pay expenses and a small honorarium. We are most anxious to have you.

Things have been going splendidly here at camp.

Our 76th State Convention at Clearfield—October 12, 13, 14, 1938

Our State Camps—Spruce Creek—June 13 to September 6, 1938

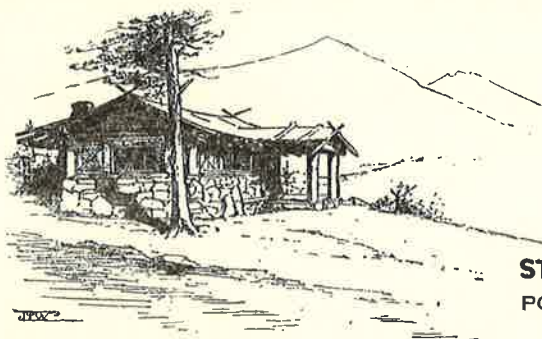
We appreciated tremendously the fact that you gave us earlier in the season. We are still working hard on the peace issue, despite the rather discouraging state of the world!

I should appreciate hearing from you about this at your earliest convenience. We are anxious to get our publicity under way. We hope that you are having a pleasant - and not too warm - summer.

Sincerely,

Betty Bonsall McCubel
(Mrs Roy S.)

after Sept 5th;
222 Cornell Ave
Swarthmore, Pa.



STEINER ACRES

POST OFFICE:
ALLENS PARK,
COLORADO

Fri. 330/
August - 14. 1938

Dear Kirby Page -

Miss Heimer - I would
be happy if you could pay us
a visit some day this week -
We shall be at home most
of the week - ^{except Wednesday} afternoons
your assignment "Polly will
put the Kettle on" we shall
have Tea -

Anticipating your visit -

I am sincerely yours

Edward G. Heimer.

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MEMO.

DATE 8-19 1938

Kirby Page

We received your check today
 in amt of \$114.19 sent in with
 our letter to you of 8/10/38.

However, inasmuch as we received
 a check on the 15th (from your
 daughter - I suppose) in amt of
 101.95 which covered payts due
 on Trust Deed note, we are applying
 the 114.19 as follows:

Payts due 7/5 + 8/5 on ordinary note	
@ 50.00 each	100.00
To apply on same due 9/5	1.82
On open a/c	12.37
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2079 Fourth Street
La Verne, California
August 23, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

Would it be possible for you to address the yearly Southern California District Conference of the Church of the Brethren on Saturday afternoon, September 3rd, at La Verne?

The Saturday afternoon session is to be devoted to the peace question. If you can oblige us, we should like to have you speak on a theme like "Pacifist Theory and Technique in the Present World Atmosphere." We do not insist on this particular wording but are greatly interested in the issue it implies. In the face of two actual wars many theoretical pacifists are getting shaky. Is an absolute pacifism realistic? Will anything but a good licking curb the Japanese? Are the Chinese to be blamed for fighting back? Could Franco, Hitler, or Mussolini be moved by reason or love? Probably you already have an address on this whole question. It would be very acceptable.

As you no doubt know, the Church of the Brethren is one of the three historic peace churches along with the Friends and Mennonites. In the past our pacifism, however, has consisted largely of asking members to refrain from bearing arms personally. Since the World War we have begun to feel some social responsibility for the war system, but a great many members are by no means sure just where they stand on the question of pacifism. I am sure that your thinking will be helpful and inspirational.

I understand that you are not altogether unwilling to render service gratis which, I regret to say, would be the situation in our case. This session is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. There will be the usual preliminaries, so that you could defer your arrival till two o'clock if necessary. The meeting will be held in the Church of the Brethren on E street between Fourth and Fifth. Ask anybody in the foyer to conduct you to the chairman--or to the platform if you are late.

We should be very greatly obliged to you if you can help us in this way. I am enclosing an envelope for your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Lorell Weiss
Sec'y Peace and Temperance

Telegram sent 9/2/38 "your letter just received today regret exceedingly cannot come!"

1057 Steiner Street,
San Francisco, Calif.,
August 24, 1938.

Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Comrade Page:

The Northern California Action Committee has instructed me to ask you, in the name of the Socialist Party, if it will be possible for you to make two campaign speeches for Lillian Symes Clements during the period from now until the November election.

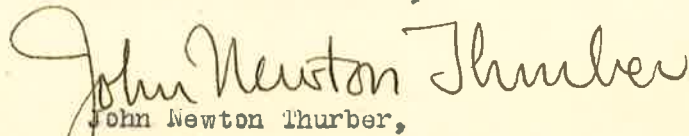
We would want to have you, if possible, speak at a meeting in San Francisco or Berkeley, and at a meeting in Los Angeles. These need not be at adjoining dates, but can be arranged largely at your convenience.

We are making an attempt to get Norman Thomas west during the course of the coming campaign, and still have some hopes of success in this venture.

To date we have contented ourselves with issuing regular press releases, which have received fair treatment from newspapers in the state, in order to keep the name of Lillian Symes Clements and the Socialist Party before the voters. We plan to open up more vigorous work as soon as the primaries are completed and we have actual competition with the other candidates. Our belief is that when the voters wake up to their dilemma of having to choose between McAdoo and Riley, that considerable numbers of them will give their support to us.

I would appreciate hearing from you fairly soon on this matter. In a day or so I am heading toward Los Angeles and we will have committee meetings there next week and until Labor Day, planning the details of the campaign. If we can have word from you by the end of the week, we would appreciate this greatly.

Yours for Socialism,


John Newton Thurber,
State Secretary-Organizer

Los Angeles Address:
Room 212, 524 South Spring Street.

September 1, 1938

Dear Sherwood:

We have just returned home after an extremely invigorating experience at Estes Park. Before I tell you about that, however, I must hasten to pass on the good news that Kirby, Jr. was married on August 22 to Iris Miller, daughter of old friends of ours. M. G. Miller is a former clergyman and college professor, and is now Educational Director for the Consumers Cooperative Association of the Middle West with headquarters in Kansas City. We are greatly rejoiced and hopeful about their future.

The conference retreat was very satisfactory. Altogether there were about 20 families registered. Some came late and some had to leave early. The average attendance at our discussions was between 20 and 40. We spent two hours daily in a most profitable exchange of ideas and experiences. I am enclosing a list of the members of the group.

It has been necessary to set the date for our small group in New York. I had hoped to get a reply from you in order to make sure that the dates selected were convenient for you. I do hope that nothing will prevent you from saving the afternoon and evening of October 11 for this informal exchange. If October 11 is out of the question for you, we must select another date for another discussion. I shall be coming East about September 27 before beginning on the 28th at New Haven.

I am making good progress on the new book and expect to have it finished within the next three weeks.

It will be grand to see you soon.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sherwood Eddy
c/o The Deanery
Canterbury, England

Encl.
KP:MK

September 1, 1938

Dear Francis:

The notice of the Northover Conference is at hand, but I regret exceedingly that I cannot participate in these invigorating discussions because it is not convenient for me to come East that early. Will you please express my deep regret to old friends.

Cordially yours,

Miss Francis Perry
42 Fourth Street
Passaic, N. J.

EP:MK

September 2, 1938

Dear Comrade Thurber:

I am sorry indeed for the delay in replying to your letter of August 24. Unfortunately it ~~has~~ only this moment reached me due to the fact that it was forwarded to Colorado where I was, but it arrived there after I had left, and it has only just now returned to me here. I have been away from home nearly five weeks and after a few days here I am starting on another seven weeks trip through the East. Under the circumstances therefore, I regret extremely that it is not practicable for me to accept speaking dates in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In addition I am making frantic efforts to finish a book which I have promised to have in the publishers' hands within three weeks.

I hope that all is going well with the campaign.

Fraternally yours,

Mr. John Newton Thurber
524 So. Spring St., Room 212
Los Angeles, California

KP:MK

September 2, 1938

Dear John and Emily:

Within three weeks I expect to complete the volume upon which I have long been working. It is to be entitled "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action," and will be published by Farrar and Rinehart. I regard this volume as the most important one that I have ever written. It is divided into four parts and will total 600 pages. The first section will be my own interpretation. Part II will be a four hundred page anthology of verse and prose daily readings. In the third section I am presenting discussion outlines for fourteen weeks of classes, forums, etc. In the last part I am including a number of worship services for special occasions. The enclosed outline will give you an idea of what I have in mind.

The expectation is that the four-page daily readings will be used by many families in their daily worship. My experience with "Living Creatively" and other books makes me believe that this volume will also be widely used by leaders of young peoples meetings, various classes and in public services of worship.

The cost of preparing such a big volume is quite heavy. The one item of this expense which is beyond my ability to take care of is the payment required by various publishers for material which I am using in the anthology. The custom is almost universal of requiring from \$5 to \$25 for permission to reprint poems. Very few poems can be reprinted without some payment. Some of the prose selections likewise cannot be used without payment. In the light of my experience with former books I estimate that it will take \$1,000 to pay for these various permissions to reprint. I simply do not have this amount and cannot provide it out of my regular budget.

You have already generously contributed to my regular budget for 1938, but because of the extreme importance and urgency of this additional obligation I am writing to ask if you could possibly agree to contribute the required \$1,000 with the understanding that I will not appeal to you for my 1939 budget. Since payment to the publishers must be made before my book comes from the press, I shall await your reply with the utmost eagerness.

Cordially yours,

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. C. Harvey
Box 124
Radnor, Penn.

Encl.
KPM

September 2, 1938

My dear Mrs. Moors:

Within three weeks I expect to complete the volume upon which I have long been working. It is to be entitled "Religious Resources for Personal Living and Social Action," and will be published by Farrar and Rinehart. I regard this volume as the most important one that I have ever written. It is divided into four parts and will total 600 pages. The first section will be my own interpretation. Part II will be a four hundred page anthology of verse and prose daily readings. In the third section I am presenting discussion outlines for fourteen weeks of classes, forums, etc. In the last part I am including a number of worship services for special occasions. The enclosed outline will give you an idea of what I have in mind.

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Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ethel P. Moors
Cohasset
Massachusetts

Encl.
KP:MK

September 3rd.

My dear Dean Weigle:

Our daughter Mary probably will accompany me to New Haven and I am writing for suggestions about living accommodations. She was graduated in June from Whittier College and desires to take courses in the School of Fine Arts, the Graduate School and the Divinity School.

Can you tell me what kinds of small apartments are available for the two of us and what approximate costs would be? Would it be advisable for her to attempt light housekeeping? Any suggestions that you can pass along will be appreciated.

My wife and our son will remain here in California.

It will be nice to see you soon.

Cordially yours,

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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COURT HOUSE, NEW BLOOMFIELD, PA.



BELL 42-R-2

September 3, 1938.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City:

Dear Mr. Page:

Would it be possible for you to address the teachers of the Southern Convention District of Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, Pa., on Friday, October 28, 1938, either in the afternoon or evening?

What are the best terms you can quote as an honorarium? I would not raise this question, but our desires are circumscribed by budget limitations.

Please let me know by an early date. The program committee will soon have a meeting.

Yours truly,

D. A. Kline,
Pres. Southern Convention District.

1118 State St.

Utica, N. Y.

September 5, 1938

Dear Mr. Lage

Much has occurred since your visit to the Methodist Conference at Rome N.Y. and our conversation in front of the hotel. As I promised to keep you in touch with my progress, this note is an effort at fulfillment.

As you suggested, I wrote Dr. Franklin and received a very nice reply from him. He was unable at the time to suggest anything but a possible letter to the Baptist Publication Society. Shortly after that, however, pulpit supply work came more frequently. In July, a little rural church in North Manlius, planned to reopen and I was asked to supply. I did so during July and August and a week ago the people there voted to call me a pastor. Altho, just a rural community with one general store, the people are very much alive and quite up to the minute. The community is but 10 or 12 miles from Syracuse.

While the membership is about 50, attendance has been running just beyond the thirty mark, and we ~~know~~ have a Sunday

School which averages around twenty five each Sunday.

In October we plan to move into the parsonage there, and at that time I will give up my work for the Great American Tea Co. Of course we could not manage on the salary coming from the church, which is but \$600 and parsonage, but quite fortunately it is necessary for me to spend but two or three days per week on the field, and the balance of the time I can devote to sales work for John Rudio & Co. of Chicago publishers of the book of life. Thus I shall be able to get started in my pastoral work and continue my extension course at Crozer.

The North Manlius church presents a real challenge and affords an excellent opportunity for a balanced work. Inasmuch as but one store exists in the community, it may be quite possible to develop some co-operative venture without running the risk of offending church members who are also merchants.

I greatly appreciate your interest in my progress and shall continue to keep you informed from time to time.

Respectfully yours
E. Robert Hughes

R.D. #2
Riverton, W.V.

after Oct 1.

BOX 124
RADNOR
PENNSYLVANIA

9-6-38,

Dear Shirley,-
2nd Thy letter of the
received and we do
appreciate the work that
is doing but can't give
the any more money
this year, for this we are
sorry but it is a fact.

So far as next year is
concerned we are making
no commitments until the
time comes.

Emily has a niece who is
the wife of Albert P. Kramer
Westbury, Long Island this
man is very much interested

in publishing religious
books, and has written
several.

I don't think he is
interested in Socialism
but am sure some of
thy books would appeal
to him, and if thou
is in New York it might
be well to make his
acquaintance.

"The Unlabeled Door"
"The Life in the Vine" are
two of his books.

Sincerely,

J. S. C. Barnes

To the Pages, Sr. and Jr., and to the Pfeitzes:
Greetings!

A pollen laden Kansas greeted me on my arrival, but that was amply compensated for by having my little plump brown Patricia under my wing again, not to mention the rest of my family (who are a trifle over-sized for my wing spread, however).

The Maelstrom I expected on my arrival had happily been dissipated before my arrival. An apparently very satisfactory arrangement--involving, mainly, the "root of all evil"--had been worked out, and which we shall devoutly hope will do the work of mutual abolition of friction. (P.S. If the capitalist system holds out long enough!)

Since I took the Sr. Pages so very much into my confidence, they will be interested to know that marriage had performed the miracle I had hoped it would for my brother and sister-in-law: for the first time they could actually say they understood the peculiar problems and the status of our often perplexing position in the family circle. So, huzzay again.

A card arrived from Frances today, assuring me that they were fortunate enough to get through the flood threatened roads of Colorado quite all right, and there was nothing to worry about.

I am still sorry, Louise and Paul, that I did not get to tell you good-bye personally. The three weeks were glorious to me, even without mountains, when I could add such friendships as yours to my life. I feel positively rich!

I do hope your precious "children", Iris and Kay, will have the very minimum of adjustments to make. Even if you should have a very great many, its all in the business of living, and you can rest assured that "everybody's doing it". One of the greatest fallacies and stupidest hopes is that romance or any other great thing in your life is divorced from its corresponding amount of trial and tribulation. (Maybe I should come out and take Aimee's place, I like to preach so well?)

And to the Sr. Pages, my very great admiration and respect. I think you live a beautiful life, separately and together.

My love to all of you dears. Please think of me once in a while--leniently and lovingly.

Aline Link

September 6, 1938

716 W. 15th

Emporia,
Kansas

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

**ROOM 212 524 SOUTH SPRING ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**

September 6, 1938

Dear Kirby Page:

Your recent letter explaining about the impossibility of you making any speeches for Lillian Symes Clements in the current campaign for the U.S. Senate reached me, and of course I regret the pressure of your engagements!

I heard the report of the campaign at our SEC meeting last week, and noted that you have sent in a donation to the campaign fund already. We appreciate this further evidence of your cooperation.

Is it possible for you to prepare something of a statement on why you are supporting Lillian's campaign? We intend to get out regular newspaper releases and leaflet publication. We would like a statement from you which deals rather fully with the anti-war phases of the campaign. We plan to circularize the select list which Ethelwyn Mills has, some 1400 names of left wing and liberal people in Southern California, and would like to use a statement from you as a part of a leaflet on the war issue, as well as to use it for one of our newspaper releases.

The three candidates for the senate, which is the one office on which you can logically discuss the threat of war, rather ideally represent the three main tendencies of "anti-war" thought in America today. Mr. Bancroft, the Republican, is of that stripe of isolationists who include much of the military, reactionary capitalists, the Hamilton Fishes, etc. They are belligerent against Mexico, but have their fingers crossed about overseas imperialistic war--up to a point. Few of them ever carry through their war opposition, however!

Downey, who seems to be a crack-pot opportunist, is on record endorsing the program of collective security, securing thereby the organizational support of the 20th Century Americans!

Our program is that of true internationalism in opposition to war between the nations, an internationalism of the peoples of the nations--trade union, Socialist, pacifist, etc. The campaign makes a splendid opportunity to demonstrate these issues, you see.

I am leaving Los Angeles tomorrow and will be in the northern

[1938]

Kirby Page---2

part of the state until the election. If you can prepare such a statement before your departure for the east, please send it to me at 1004 Fillmore Street, San Francisco.

I note, and hear by letter, that our hoped for tour of Norman Thomas here this fall has gone glimmering. He has been forced to accept our party nomination for Governor of New York state and will confine his activity there this fall. Doubtless you will see him on your trip east.

Will you make sure that you get an absent voters ballot application filled out before you go east?

Yours fraternally,

John Newton Thurber
John Newton Thurber,
State Secretary-Organizer



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September 7th, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Page:

We should like to send you, with our compliments, a copy of George Lansbury's new book, MY PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE, which we are publishing on September 15th. I am sure he would like for you to have a copy. Will you instruct us where to send it?

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Thornton

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KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR CONGRESS

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Cleveland Address:
506 Prospect-Fourth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

September 8, 1938

Kirby Page
Box 247
LaHambra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

The Ohio Youth Committee Against War will hold a state-wide anti-war conference in Cleveland on November 12-13. The conference will close on Sunday evening, November 13, with a mass meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Sunday evening service of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of this city.

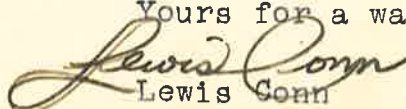
I understand that you may be in the east about that time. Would it be at all possible for you to come to Cleveland as the featured speaker for this mass meeting? We can safely promise an audience of well over a thousand. The church's regular Sunday evening service alone generally draws that many when the occasion is ordinary and the speaker a local person. We are planning an extensive publicity program through all the churches, unions, and youth organizations, as well.

We can guarantee your expenses if you are already in the east or midwest, and probably even if you should be coming from California. In addition, if you should require it, we can probably pay a modest honorarium.

The conference itself offers tremendous potentialities for building a dynamic anti-war movement of youth in Ohio, around the Keep America out of War minimum program. We expect to have youth leaders and key people from well over two dozen communities in attendance.

Would you wire me immediately, collect, at the above address, letting us know if you are available for Nov. 13, and if so, how much financial guarantee you would require? We would not press for an immediate answer were not the time so short.

Yours for a warless world


Lewis Conn

Midwest field secretary

September 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I am delighted to get your letter of September 5 and to learn that you have such a rewarding opportunity before you. You will of course feel the necessity of continuing serious study. The combination before you seems to me to afford an excellent opportunity for service and for personal growth.

I hope that our paths will cross in the near future.

Cordially yours,

Mr. E. Robert Hughes
1118 State Street
Utica, New York

KP:MK

September 10, 1938

Dear John;

It was good of you to reply so promptly. I am glad indeed to get your suggestion and will try to see Mr. and Mrs. Kramer at an early opportunity.

It has been a long time since I have had a good visit with you folks and I do hope to drop in on you sometime during the fall, or winter. Let me tell you again how deeply grateful I am for your generous and long continued cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Mr. J. S. C. Harvey
Box 124
Radnor, Penn.

KP:MK

September 10, 1938

My dear Mrs. Moors:

Let me thank you for your prompt reply. It has been a long time since we have had a good visit together, and I hope to drop in on you sometime during the fall or winter.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ethel P. Moors
Cohasset
Massachusetts

KP:MK

September 10, 1938

Dear Comrade:

In reply to your letter of September 6 I am glad indeed to send you the enclosed statement which you may use as you think advisable. I deeply regret my inability to give more of my services to the Party.

Fraternally yours,

Mr. John Newton Thurber
1004 Fillmore Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Encl.
KP:MK

1907 Escarp Drive
Los Angeles

Sept. 11, 1938

Dear Kirby:

I am so very sorry that I
am unable to help you out.
If I could, I would consider it
a privilege to do so.

I have never been so low
in my own resources. I felt
that I must begin paying
some of the loans we made
for the house and so I figured
pretty closely. Then we thought

it was worth-while to be
a little reckless in John's
campaign for judge, and
as he didn't win, our
"gamble" didn't help the situation.
I shall find it difficult to
meet my A.C.L.U. quarterly
pledge, although it is only $\frac{1}{5}$
what I have been giving,
and you know how Mr. Taft
feels about that!

I should hate to have you
embarrassed or hindered in your
work. — I hope you will find easily
some other friend, able and
ready to help you out right away.

While you are at home,
we hope you will be able to
come and see us and George,
and of course you'll bring
Mrs. Page, too. We missed
you in the spring and look
forward to the promised visit.
John is home both Saturdays
and Sundays so one of those
days would be best.

Yours cordially and regretfully,
Helen M. B.

Balboa Island, California

Sept. 11, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page,

La Habra, California.

My dear Dr. Page;

It was my very great privilege to hear you speak at the County Ministers Meeting at La Habra, in January. As Peace Chairman, of Christ Church by the Sea at Newport Beach, it has been my ambition, ever since to have you as a speaker on one of our regular monthly Peace Forums. We have these meetings on the second Sunday evening of each month. As yet, we have not made out our program for the coming fall and winter. If it would be possible for you to give us an evening, you could name your own date.

I realize that it is rather presumptuous of us to ask a speaker of your renown, to come to a small Church as ours. I am sorry to say that the Peace Spirit is not as enthusiastic here as it should be. While all are in favor of Peace there seems to be a general feeling of "what's the use of trying to do anything about it". A speaker such as you might do a great deal to counteract this attitude. So if you could possibly give us a date, it would be most heartfully appreciated by the Pastor, Mr. Hessel and those of us who are most anxious to accomplish what we can in this great cause.

This is a Community Church under the Methodist Board. We can afford to pay only expenses, as our budget is pretty small. An early answer will be appreciated,

Most gratefully

(Mrs.) Sara G. Bowman
Chairman Peace Committee.

Box 485 - Balboa Island.

September 14, 1938

My dear Mr. Thornton:

Your kind letter of September 7 is at hand. I will be delighted indeed to have a copy of MY PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE and suggest that you send it to me at 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Richard H. Thornton
Henry Holt & Company, Publishers
257 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

KP:MK

September 14, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bowman:

Your kind letter of September 11 is at hand. I remember the meeting in La Habra with much pleasure. Unfortunately it is not possible for me to accept your kind invitation because I am leaving for the East and will not be back until Christmas. After a short stay here I make another long swing across the continent.

Rev. Graham Hunter of the Presbyterian Church in Fullerton would make an excellent speaker for your meeting.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Sara G. Bowman
Box 485
Balboa Island, Calif.

KP:MK

September 14, 1938

Dear Helen:

Thanks for your prompt reply to my note. I was sorry indeed to notice that the odds against John were too heavy to be overcome, but surely the effort was worthwhile.

Alma and I are planning to drop in upon you next Sunday afternoon for a long deferred visit. It will be nice to see you again.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Helen Beardsley
1907 Escarpa Drive
Los Angeles, Calif.

EP:MK

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September 15, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
Association Press
347 Madison Ave.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Page:

Every time you hear from me it is from a different section of the country. However, this is the second year as Educational Secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation.

Last year we were privileged to have Muriel Lester as the speaker on Armistice Day, sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Youth Council. I am writing to see if it would be possible for you to be in Cleveland this Armistice and speak on a similar occasion. You will recall our peace demonstration in Eugene, Oregon, and our meetings in Evanston and Chicago under the auspices of the Emergency Peace Campaign. We feel that you have a contribution which you can make here in Cleveland. Would it be possible for you to arrange your schedule to be with us at that time? We are concerned, of course, about the financing of your visit and would be glad to have some estimate of what your expenses would be.

There is organized in Cleveland a youth committee against war which are planning a conference on November 12-13. I understand that they have written to find out if you can come for those dates. We are glad to cooperate in any way we can with this group and the young people from our church Youth Council have agreed to cooperate in this conference. We are, however, carrying out a tradition in this Armistice Day program and we feel we should go ahead with plans. It will not compete in any way with the conference but might be a cooperating factor.

Please let us know soon if you are available on Armistice Day and could arrange to be in Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy A. Nyland

Educational Secretary

THE CLEVELAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

D. R. SHARPE
Executive Secretary

Telephone: CHerry 2380-2381

September 15, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
LaHabra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I am writing to ask if it would be possible for you to address our Sunday Evening Hour at the Euclid Avenue Church, on Sunday evening, December 4th.

This is an interdenominational service which is being held under our auspices in the Euclid Avenue Church Auditorium, which as you know is located down town and seats about 2,500 people. Last Sunday evening the room was well filled.

Would you tell me please whether you can accept, and if so, will you kindly indicate our financial responsibility for the engagement?

We are endeavoring to conduct a service for Protestants along broad lines but always emphasizing vital religion. We provide a free platform, and while this is the second year of our experiment, our efforts to date have been fairly successful. Some of our last year's speakers were: Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Dr. Harold Phillips, Dr. Halford Luccock, Dr. Charles Gilkey, Dr. A. W. Beaven, Dr. Juston Roe Nixon, Dr. Bernard Clausen, Dr. Edwin MacNeill Poteat and many others.

We very much want you if it is at all possible for you to make the arrangement.

Faithfully yours,

D. R. Sharpe

Executive Secretary.

DRS:MA

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and Confidential.

EUROPE REVISITED

London, England
September 15, 1938

Dear Friends:

We have just completed our eighteenth seminar visiting in turn England, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Poland and the League of Nations at Geneva. We found Europe torn by three conflicting systems. There are the Fascist nations, Mussolini having boasted that seventeen countries have already turned to his form of dictatorship; the Communist sixth of the globe; and the remaining democracies, now all on the defensive and each divided within itself.

Returning to Russia on my fourteenth visit I found it the most fascinating yet the most irritating, in some respects the most glorious, in others the most terrible country in the world. From the very first entrance to the last moment one feels everywhere the tension and suspicion due to the purge. According to the totals announced in their own press in forty local papers, the Soviet Government has found it necessary to shoot some 2,500 of their own leaders as "Trotskyites and wreckers" in the last two years. There are restrictions on all sides and all foreigners are under suspicion. During the similar period in the French Revolution 17,000 were executed, hundreds of thousands were imprisoned, others had been massacred, or had disappeared, while 150,000 were on the list of emigrés, liable to instant death if they returned to France.

Despite the genuine intentions of the new Constitution there is still a severe abridgment of political and civil liberties, the violence of a continuing revolution and the harsh dogmatic atheism of the Communist Party which has now taken up officially the "liquidation" of what remains of religion. When Yaroslavsky, the head of the Union of Militant Godless Society, spoke to our party he claimed that two-thirds of the population in the cities and one-third of the peasants in the country had broken from the Church, though not necessarily from personal religion. That would imply that a majority of the older generation at least are still believers. He said there are still 30,000 registered religious societies (or churches) in the U.S.S.R. having a minimum membership of twenty in each, and 76 churches open in Moscow. I attended the daily evening service in one of them with several hundred in attendance.

In spite of these evils I found in Russia a great ongoing experiment of the world's first socialized planned economy on a vast scale, based on the ideal of social justice. They are titanically building socialism, rebuilding cities, changing the psychology of the backward peasants and the very landscape by their collective farming (with over 4,000 state farms, 246,000 collective farms, 5,800 tractor stations, 367,000 tractors and 104,000 combines in operation). They have made the masses literate, with over 38 million registered in their educational system, and with free compulsory primary education. They are employing science to build a new social order in the first complete revolution in history and the first embodiment of a unified philosophy of life in a whole people.

Economically they are slowly and painfully succeeding, though there is a lag behind the difficult goals of the five year plans owing to the inexperience of the dull peasants in industry, the waste of bureaucracy, the diversion of a quarter of their energy to armament, and the loss of perhaps half their leaders in the purge.

The army is, however, strong and unimpaired, peasant agriculture is succeeding but industry has been weakened by the purge and is still behind the plan in coal, iron steel, copper, oil, forests, railways, and other essentials. The purge has postponed the launching of the third Five Year Plan. Russia is still short of almost all consumption goods, except bread, and there is a drab look about the poorly dressed masses on the streets. On the whole the people are in my judgment, economically and politically better off than in Czarist days, and are slowly gaining in their standard of living.

While we were there the Russians were quietly ready for the battle on the Japanese front which was perhaps provoked by the Japanese to save their face in calling for a general mobilization against China, where they are faring badly in that life and death struggle.

I was saddened at the evils I found persisting in the Soviet Union after twenty years. They have almost finished liquidating the third crop of enemies of the revolution - the bourgeoisie, the kulaks and now the Trotskyites. The revolution has passed into its third phase. Following the political and industrial revolution led by Lenin, and the agricultural revolution of Stalin, has come this third phase of the complete social revolution, where the leaders have reasserted the original aims of the movements in spite of the fact that the purge got out of hand and ran away with them in a forest fire of denunciations and suspicions. Until the Soviets grant the liberty of an opposition they will continue to create ever fresh enemies. They are still the victims of the evils of their system as we are of ours.

Nevertheless, I wish here to reaffirm my faith in the Russian Revolution. I shall increase my subscription to the Friends of the Soviet Union. In spite of its grim evils which I deplore, in my judgment the revolution has lost none of its significance as the greatest experiment on our planet. If I could have visited Robespierre when the French Revolution was devouring its own children with approximately the same numbers guillotined that have been shot in this third purge, I doubt if I could have discerned the sure advance of liberty that was to follow that revolution throughout the world. But as I visit Russia in this dark hour of the purge I have no doubt whatever as to their ultimate goal of justice - not only for the U.S.S.R. but for the world. Justice is the absolute imperative, if at all possible by non-violent means, but whether by violence or non-violence it must and will come through out the world, for it is the fundamental demand of the human spirit.

Returning from Russia I found Czechoslovakia the brightest spot in Europe, as the last democracy east of the Rhine. For centuries a storm center, these western Slavs have had to fight against the aggressive Teutons on the west. A century before Luther, under John Huss, they were the center of the Protestant Reformation. Because of their faith their country was devastated in the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) in a crusade led by the Pope. It was crushed under the iron heel of the Hapsburg Germans for three centuries and for a century and a half Protestantism was forbidden and exterminated. Today this brave little Republic is the last barrier that has kept Hitler from subjugating as a colony the 68 millions in the Danubian and Balkan states clear to Constantinople. It was their sudden courageous mobilization on May 21st that prevented Hitler from taking Czechoslovakia as he had just seized Austria. I found a real German terror in the Sudeten territory, while the whole German press makes its people believe there is a Czech terror against which they are justified in any reprisals.

I met President Benes, three members of the cabinet, the Sudeten Germans and others. I have found the Germans of Czechoslovakia for twenty years the best treated minority in all Europe. The Czechs will be more than generous in making further

concessions, but I do not believe they will hand over land to Hitler any more than we would to the Germans of Milwaukee, nor the key positions in the army, police and the foreign office than would we to Nazi agitators. I am not at all afraid that the Czechs cannot defend their border against Hitler but I am not sure they can defend themselves against Mr. Chamberlain and other British emissaries. One of them told me that the Czechs must either give their Sudeten territory to Hitler or break with Soviet Russia and submit to a four power pact with Germany, Italy, Britain and France. They have never had war with the Slavs but have had to fight for their lives intermittently for over a thousand years against the Teutons. If Hitler broke four promises in the rape of Austria, how could Czechoslovakia trust him now? By all means let Mr. Chamberlain agree with his adversary quickly and come to terms with Italy and Germany if he can, but let him not betray Spain, as he has done, or sacrifice Czechoslovakia for the selfish ends of his own class. If Hitler is allowed to take Barcelona the Chamberlain Tories will have betrayed not only Spain but their ally France and the safety of the British Empire.

In Austria our whole party was saddened at the barbarous treatment of the Jews. They were being robbed, their property and business confiscated, evicted from their homes, persecuted and subjected to every indignity and humiliation. To make cultured Jews put on their sacred phylacteries and clean lavatories or sidewalks with their bare hands was indicative of Nazi sadism. There is much that is good in the Nazi program but the system seems to be founded on the ideology of the myth of a superior racialism, an exclusive nationalism, a dangerous imperialism, an aggressive militarism and anti-Christian paganism under an absolute dictatorship of the totalitarian state. The system is revealed in Kolani's War Against the West where for 700 pages he quotes Nazi writers in their bitter attack upon liberty, democracy, Judaism and Christianity and their defense of the sacrament of war, and the new paganism. Fascism and war remain the world's chief dangers today.

In England we found a quarter of the industries and utilities already socialized, nationalized, municipalized or cooperative. Fifteen millions in the ranks of labor are insured against unemployment by wise and generous legislation, three millions have been found jobs in their labor exchanges, and collective bargaining is universal in Britain save in the practice of such American-controlled industries as those of Henry Ford and General Motors. Britain and the Scandinavian democracies are making a peaceful transition into a socialized planned economy through cooperatives, labor unions and farmer or labor political parties. We wish that we could be as sure of a non-violent transition for America. Anyone who thinks this statement pessimistic should read Upton Sinclair's "Flivver King" (15 cent edition care Upton Sinclair, Station A, Pasadena, California.)

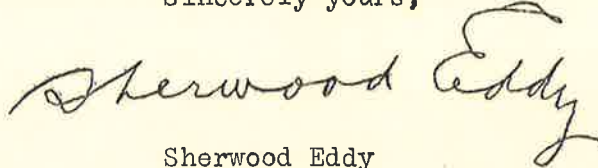
The program in London this year included Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, Viscount Cecil, the Marquess of Lothian, Viscount Cranbourne (grandson of the great Prime Minister Lord Salisbury, who resigned with Anthony Eden), the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duchess of Atholl on Spain, several members of the Cabinet, Harold Laski, G.D.H. Cole, Dr. G. P. Gooch, Professor Macmurray, Jawaharlal Nenru, the ex-Emperor Hailie Selassie, labor leaders like Sir Stafford Cripps, Major Attlee, Herbert Morrison, George Lansbury and half a dozen others.

If the peace can be kept for two years more in Czechoslovakia and central Europe we may have peace for this generation. Mr. Chamberlain's policy of peace at any price has kept up the ghastly farce of non-intervention in Spain. While permitting Italy to send in over 100,000 troops and Germany over 12,000, Britain has insisted on France's closing her border and her heart against the democratically elected Republican government of Spain. At the same time America furnishes lucrative oil and metals to Japan for the conquest of China, and has not lifted a hand to help the Government of Spain, which she could have done without risk of war.

Our main objective should be to work steadily toward a socialized planned economy, not of artificial scarcity but of abundance for all, which is now potentially within our reach. We should work for full justice for the have-not classes and nations, as justice is the only foundation for lasting peace. As Germany, Italy and Russia are so powerfully motivating their youth, we should seek to utilize the full drive and dynamic motivation of our religion in the building of the new world above the ruins of the old.

We expect to have an American Seminar to restudy the problems of our democracy, meeting in Washington April 24-28, and in New York, April 29 - May 5, 1939. This year we had a wonderful program, hearing from the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, three members of the Cabinet; meeting five or six members each from the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, leaders of all political parties and of capital and labor. This next year we shall hear from Mayor LaGuardia, District Attorney Thomas Dewey on the problem of crime, and other specialists. The cost will be \$10 each for Washington and New York. The seminar is conducted for educators, ministers, writers and lecturers and enrollment should be made early.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherwood Eddy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and address.

Sherwood Eddy
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Lambda Chi Alpha
Greencastle, Indiana
September 18, 1938

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California,

OCT 28-30

Dear Dr. Page,

The summer passed very rapidly and before long the work of the fall will be well underway. You will remember that the Indiana Christian Student Conference is to meet with the Indiana Y. M. C. A. for a conference in Indianapolis on the week-end of Oct 29 and 30 and that you have agreed to be our main speaker. There are a number of points which I would like to make certain for both of us at the earliest possible moment.

In the first place, we have decided that a three day conference would suit us far better since our program could be conducted more leisurely and could be more inclusive. Our suggestion is that we begin the conference on Friday evening with a fellowship dinner followed by some group singing. We would then like to follow the outline for the Regional Week-end Conference-Retreat

as is suggested in the mimeographed material that you sent to me. That would mean that you would speak to us Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon (or evening) and Sunday morning. We would prefer to have your second Saturday address in the afternoon in order that we might devote the evening to a special play. Would this arrangement - starting Friday and moving up the second Saturday address - be satisfactory to you?

Secondly, I wonder if we might have the titles of your addresses or at least a definite theme which we could use for publicity purposes.

Thirdly, you have suggested panel ^{of the first three} conversation and general discussion after each address. We would like to have discussion after the first two addresses carried on in three or four small groups with some good adult leaders to help in thinking through the questions discussed in the lecture. This seems to me to be a more satisfactory way of stimulating discussion rather than trying to deal with the whole group of some 150 students. Out of these smaller groups should

Come some questions which could perhaps be dealt with in a general discussion period with the whole group present after the third address. I would like to know how this plan strikes you.

In the fourth place there is a little question about the last address - the one to be given on Sunday morning at the regular church service. We will be meeting, probably, in the United Brethren Church on the Indiana Central Campus. We would like to fit into the set-up there without causing any great disturbance in that church. Perhaps your address could be fitted into the sort of work that the United Brethren Church would appreciate.

This has been rather lengthy but these details should be made clear. I am especially anxious to clear about the dates of the conference, immediately, so that our publicity may go out.

Mr. Schnell joins me in sending you our greetings. The Y. is working with us in a fine way.

Sincerely,

Robert Leslie

Chairman Ex. Com. A. C. S. C.

Lest

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REV. FRANK FITT, MINISTER

16 LAKE SHORE ROAD

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN

Kirby, Page
La Habra
California

9/28/38

My dear Kirby Page:-

It was nice to meet you
& your family this summer
& I only regret that the
enclosed is not a much
better letter.

With all good wishes I
remain

Cordially Yours,

Frank Fitt

Sixty-three Wall Street

New York

September 21, 1938.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Silver Bay Association for Christian
Conferences and Trainings:

Dear Friends:

I hereby submit my resignation as President and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association, to take effect at the next meeting of the Board.

The reason for my resignation is that I find myself out of harmony with the purpose and spirit evidenced by the combined Y. M.-Y. W. Student Conference of this year and I am going to state my position in some detail in the hope that there will be no misunderstanding.

The Conference probably represents a current vogue in student work - the teaching of so-called radical economics and politics followed by an attempt to enlist students in one of these programs as an up-to-date expression of Christianity. As set up, the study part of each Conference day began with a keynote address to the entire Conference after which the Conference broke up into smaller discussion groups. Certain of these smaller groups under competent leadership discussed religious subjects, but the majority of the students apparently went to groups for further study of radical causes. The series of daily addresses was delivered by Dr. Kirby Page who is recognized as one of the able exponents of the socialist order. He is, I believe, at the present time not associated with the Y. M. or Y. W., nor with any religious or church organization. Radical literature on sale at the Silver Bay store during the Conference indicated that he is allied with Sherwood Eddy as a member of the firm of "Eddy & Page", whose business is the publication issue and sale of socialist literature. So far as I know, no record was kept of the discussion groups but I enclose a memorandum giving brief excerpts from the series of his morning addresses.

I frankly feel no urge to make possible conferences where the emphasis is this way. In the first place I believe that the Marxian theory of government taking over industry would lead to more suffering, oppression, tyranny and greed for power than we have today and that our economic hope is to be found in an orderly evolution of our present system. In the second place, I have a strong conviction that, right or wrong so far as politics are concerned, it is a tragic mistake to let debate on these highly arguable current topics supersede the inspirational teachings which have characterized Silver Bay and its student work in the past.

Some day Silver Bay might serve a high function as a place for refuge for free speech and the teaching of political and economic theories banned from schools, the press and radio - a Hyde Park where every man might come and speak on any subject, the only test being the sincerity of his own conviction. Some day it might serve as an educational center for the supplemental teaching of academic subjects in which our college curriculums may, for some reason or other, have become deficient. Some day it might serve as a place for religious experimentation - an open forum to which there will be invited scholars of equal rank who believe that Christianity is or should be this or that or another thing and by the process of scholarly analysis, study and debate test these newly conceived doctrines. But until such days come I had hoped that Silver Bay would stand for its charter purpose as a place for Christian training - a place where the isms and peculiarities of our various denominations and our necessarily conflicting personal views on politics could be ignored or at least minimized and all would join in the teaching and propagation of the great Christian truths in which we all join in common belief.

Those of you with whom I have worked most intimately know that my interest in Silver Bay has centered chiefly in the Student Conferences and with the work of the "Emps." When the leadership of the student group departs from the call to Christian faith, life and service and substitutes a call for work toward a political order to which I am heartily opposed, I can of course not continue. Furthermore, I am unwilling to be a party to the soliciting and acceptance of gifts on the representation that they are to be used to make possible a place for Christian conferences and training if the funds are, in fact, to be used in part to make propaganda for a political creed to which the donors are known to be opposed.

Charlie Herschleb has done a magnificent job in demonstrating that the plant in spite of its many physical handicaps can be made to function and, in keeping with the Association's policy, he has in no way sought to control conference programs. Responsibility for programs must come back to the Y. M. and Y. W. and other sponsoring organizations. Is the program for the student groups to be dedicated to training for Christian leadership along the lines that has characterized our student work in the past, or are we in a new era and is the call from now on to be for work toward a new political order, or are the programs to give a combination of both or will the objectives of the student work vary from year to year? Those who are to continue the work through the giving of time and money or both are entitled to ask these questions, it seems to me, of the sponsoring organizations, because few people can be expected to be interested in Silver Bay merely as a physical plant, or even as a medium for giving people vacations at less than cost. The men who founded Silver Bay and have carried it up to this point were interested in it as a medium for the propagation among students of a Faith in which they themselves had a deep conviction.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Parlin

Excerpts from the series of keynote
addresses delivered to the 1938 Silver Bay
Student Conference by Dr. Kirby Page.

The present social order was described to the students as follows:

"Let us begin with the obvious fact that we are not part of a society that is decayed, that is disintegrated, and that is collapsing. There is no doubt about the fact. ** We permit an individual in every conceivable way to seek his own privilege, his own power, his own interest. We test him, we tempt him, we mold him in terms of self-concern, self-privilege, self-interest. It is hardly conceivable, therefore, that there could be a form of society where there is more of that which is greedy, that which is self-centered than is the case of this society of which we are a part. ** We have moved down, far down, the road of concentrating economic power in the hands of a tiny little fraction of the nation with catastrophic results for the people as a whole. ** Capitalism leads not only to concentration of power but also to conflict. This nation is moving swiftly toward class warfare. You say to everybody, 'Grab whatever you can, even if you have to fight for it.' ** Now it may seem the emphasis that I made has the sensationalism of an extremist. The analysis I gave you of the flaws and maladies of our civilization was not exaggerated. My friends, I have not exaggerated."

Throughout the series of addresses no scholarly attempt was made to differentiate the good from the bad in the present order as no good point was at any place conceded. With reference to preservation of the present order, he advised as follows:

"People always believe in a given system because the powerful people always use their power of propaganda to delude the people. ** In periods of convulsion the people who believe in a status quo are more afraid of the innovators than they are of the ordinary criminals of society. You see the Great Innovator crucified with a criminal on the right and a criminal on the left. He was in the center. The innovator is the chief criminal."

As the socialized order calls for a sacrifice of the traditional civil liberties and individual freedoms, he disposed of these issues in the following manner:

"What did the patriots of the day think of Jesus? The patriots were good people. They were the people who had the welfare of the country deeply at heart. The patriots were the people who believed in liberty and who wanted freedom. The patriots were good people with high and holy desires. Yet the record is clear that these were the people who killed Jesus."

The details of the program for "social action" were given chiefly in the discussion groups, but in the morning series of addresses the objective was stated as follows:

"We must change the structure of our society and our industry.
 ** This generation can not escape some form of social revolution.
 ** When we pray 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,' if we know what we are praying for, we are praying for the coming of a society in which there will be no privileged or under-privileged. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray for a society where there is an equal distribution of privilege, not a society of strength and power.
 ** We have too much private property in business, in electric energy, in natural resources, railroads, in basic industries like steel and automobiles. ** Some forms of property should be owned by the people on a national basis, some owned on a state or municipal basis. Already we are doing this to some extent. What I am suggesting is that this trend be accelerated. There should be government ownership of the great instruments of power. ** If you are going to build a kind of collectivism that will preserve our choice and extend our privileges, you must learn to use the power of taxation. By the idea that taxation may be used as one of the instruments of social change, we could have a new concept of taxation, of security."

The call to service at the close of the Conference was given as follows:

"What could be more challenging to a man than to look upon himself as a co-worker with God in building this good society on earth? ** Through ourselves, with our minds, with our beings in the calling, and as evangelists and as organizers of the new structure of society, a new property system and a new basic framework of a new society, we find ourselves effectively participating in the most creative process of life, the process of working together with God and the great saints and martyrs."

September 21, 1938

Dear Stan:

The manuscript is being forwarded today by Railway Express and should be in your hands on Monday morning. I understand that you plan to move forward with the utmost speed in publication in order to take advantage of the Christmas sales.

You will know how to proceed to secure an early decision from the Religious Book Club. I am really quite confident that they will accept it!

I expect to be in New York City on Tuesday, the 27th, and can be reached at Sherwood's office.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Stanley Rinehart
232 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

KP:MK

MARGARET S. CAMPBELL
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SEWICKLEY, PA.

My Dear Girls,

Enclosure

The balance of what I
promised you this summer.

Now, I'm going
to ask you to do some
thing for our young people.

September 22, 1938

P.S. Please be away until 5:00

here.

You remember I asked
you to arrange a
Sunday evening for them
Sometime this autumn?
Will you do this for
us Sometime in
October or November?

We have a young
minister, just out of
Seminary, who is here
temporarily until
he gets a minister.
He and his wife.

Are doing our religious
educational work for

us. Will you please

write to him ~~asking~~

telling him what time

you have available. He

is anxious to know your

new book as he is a
great admirer of yours

Sincerely yours,

Cambridge

Gerald F. Campbell
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Mr. Kirby Page
Yale Divinity School
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Kirby,

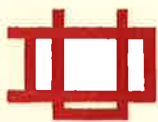
Our plans for the conferences about which I have written are developing with real promise. The one on November 5 will be at the Center Church, New Haven, and is for delegates from young married people's groups. We want you to give the closing address at 8:15 on the subject "Living Triumphantly" and we want you to lead the seminar which is one of five from 5:00 to 6:30 on the subject "Christian Social Action". For this service we can offer you the modest honorarium of \$20.00.

On November 14 at the Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford our State Wide Conference on Social Relations will be conducted on the general theme "The Contribution of Religion to a Future for Democracy". Your schedule is the morning session address and your subject is "Christianity and the American Dream". For this we will want you to assist in one of the seminars in the afternoon in the field of International Relationships. I will write you in more detail later concerning this. We can guarantee you \$25 for this service and I will try, if possible, to make it \$35.

My purpose in writing you at this time is to inform you that these plans which I wrote you about earlier are maturing and I am counting on your services.

Cordially yours,

J. Q. Miller
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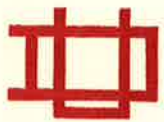
2142 University Blvd.,
Denver, Colorado,
September 24, 1938

Dear Mr. Page,

Since last writing you much of interest has happened. I was all signed up to enter Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois. Previously I had written to Cliff School of Theology here in Denver but didn't receive a reply until some four weeks ago.

This school offered Bea and I an opportunity to prepare for our work which was not possible elsewhere. There is no tuition here and we were able to get a small furnished apartment just across the street from the campus for \$6.00 a month plus about 3 hrs work each week.

We have been in school for a week now. I believe that this is the



finest place one could be in to complete an education for Christian work. It seems to me that there is an atmosphere found here which would be absent at Garrett and the other Methodist Seminaries.

at the present time Bea is auditing certain courses but next ~~next~~ year she will begin work in Religious Education and work for a Master's degree. I hope to have a small charge next spring.

There has been a question which I have been wanting to ask you for quite some time. I shall appreciate it very much if you will give me your opinion on this question: The question is this: What is the value of the study of philosophy, if any, in the preparation for the Christian ministry?

Cordially yours,
William J. Shockey

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Dr. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Cal.

My dear Dr. Page,

It is with pleasure that I note on the announcements of the State Convention of the Michigan Council of Churches, that you are to be with us this year. I look forward with anticipation to each opportunity that I have of meeting with you and thinking with you, as on your last visit to Detroit.

I covet that opportunity for others also and so, as chairman of a struggling "Youth Work" Committee of the Council, am writing to extend the hearty invitation of that Committee that you speak to the youth workers of the Convention assembled in a dinner session on Thursday evening, October 27th, just prior to the evening session.

We fully appreciate that it will require you to give two addresses in a short space of time and would defend our request by stating that we expect to have many young people of Lansing and vicinity, as well as youth leaders, and want them to have the opportunity of hearing you in an address directly to youth and its possibilities in addition to the general address of the later hour. Knowing of your interest in the Youth cause, we feel that you will not turn a deaf ear to us and are therefore hopeful of hearing from you in the affirmative.

I enclose a copy of the latest announcement of the Convention and have indicated by double-checks, the occasion to which our invitation refers.

I enclose also a stamped and self-addressed envelope ready to carry your reply--we hope in the affirmative-- to me by air-mail.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J W McCracken", with a checkmark to its right.